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PATENT APPLICATION

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In re the Application of

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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In reply to the April 18, 2006 Office Action, reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested in light of the following remarks.

Claims 1-21 and 23 are pending in this application.

I. Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §102

Claims 1-5, 10-14, 19, 21 and 23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,402,245 to Motta et al. (Motta). The rejection is respectfully traversed.

Motta fails to disclose each and every feature recited in the rejected claims. For example, Motta fails to disclose or suggest a method of processing image data of a color image for marking, the color image containing overmarked pixels where at least one first color is to be overmarked by a second color, the method comprising generating information that designates the overmarked pixels; performing raster image processing to create a raster image of the color image, the raster image processing including overmarking processing that allows both the at least one first color and the second color to be separately included in the overmarked pixels in the same raster image; and modifying image data of the overmarked